

State of Connecticut ss. City of New Haven.

I, Elizer Goodrich, Esq., Alderman for said City, and Notary Public, by lawful authority admitted and sworn, residing in said City, and by Law authorized to administer Oaths, Do hereby certify, declare and make known to whom it doth or may concern: That at said City, on this twenty eighth day of October one thousand seven hundred and ninety three, Eli Whitney, of the County of Worcester in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts now resident in said City, personally appeared before me, the said Alderman and Notary, and made solemn oath, that he does verily believe that he the said Whitney is the true inventor and discoverer of the machine for spinning cotton, a Description whereof is hereto annexed by me the said Alderman and Notary by my Seal & Notarial, and that he the said Whitney verily believes that a machine of similar construction hath never before been known or used.



In testimony whereof I the said Alderman and Notary have hereunto set my hand and seal at the City aforesaid on the day above said.

Elizer Goodrich, Alderman & Not. Public

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Dewey, m. d. & h. i. e. r. by J. B.

